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(SBU) Post provides the following responses, keyed to  
questions in paragraph 5 of reftel:

-- The Government of Finland has no Embassy in Cuba,  
almost no bilateral aid projects, and very little  
contact with Cuban officials or the Cuban people.  
However, Finland worked to promote human rights and  
democracy in Cuba by supporting common EU positions  
and statements. The GoF also supported civil society  
with very limited funding (about USD 100,000 in FY  
2007) to train Cuban youth NGOs and trade unions on  
environmental protection issues and in the basic  
principles of market economy.

-- The GoF supported consensus in the EU on statements  
regarding human rights abuses in Cuba and in support  
of democracy.

-- There have been no high-level visits in the past  
six months.

Major Finnish companies such as Wartsila and Nokia  
have investments and sell products and services in  
Cuba. However, we have no information to suggest that  
these businesses have trafficked or that they have any  
intention to traffic in confiscated Cuban properties.

-- Finland has no significant bilateral trade  
agreements with Cuba.

--3) There are no significant government-funded  
student exchanges between Cuba and Finland and no  
Cuban-paid medical travel for Finnish nationals that  
post is aware of. If any Cuban medical personnel work  
in Finland, they are here as a result of economic or  
family-based immigration, not/not as part of a Cuban  
or Finnish Government-sponsored program.

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